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SUBJ: 28TH GA: ITEM 12, EGYPTIAN RESOLUTION ON PERMANENT
SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES

REF: USUN 5385 AND PREVIOUS

1. SECOND COMMITTEE ADOPTED RES L.1333 BY ROLE CALL
VOTE OF 91-5(US, BARBADOS, BOLIVIA, ISRAEL AND NICARAGUA)-
27. SEPARATE VOTE ON OP PARA 4 RESULTED IN VOTE OF
94-4(US)-23. ABSTENTIONS WERE CAST BY EC-9, SOME LAS AND
OTHER WEOS. JAPAN VOTED IN FAVOR.

2. STRONG STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY USSR, CHINA AND KUWAIT
FAVORING RES. CHINA SAID THAT ISRAEL WITH CONNIVANCE SUPER
POWERS OCCUPIED AND EXPLOITED ARAB TERRITORIES ILLEGALLY
AND ENGAGED IN PLUNDERED OF HUMAN AND NATURAL RESOURCES.
CHINESE REP PLEDGED SUPPORT FOR THE PALESTINIAN STRUGGLE.
IN EXPLANATION BEFORE THE VOTE, DENMARK, IN NAME OF EC-9,
MADE STATEMENT ALONG LINES REPORTED REFTEL. FINLAND,
SWEDEN, CANADA AND GREECE EXPLAINED THAT THEY WOULD ABSTAIN
SINCE MATTER SHOULD NOT BE HANDLED IN SECOND COMMITTEE.
CANADA EXPRESSED FEAR THAT RES WOULD EFFECT UP-COMING
PEACE CONFERENCE. BOLIVIA EXPRESSED VIEW THAT SUBSTANCE
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OF RES SHOULD BE TOPIC OF BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT

RES RENDERED THOSE NEGOTIATIONS MORE DIFFICULT.

3. ISRAEL REP SAID THAT MOTIVES OF RES WERE POLITICAL AND THEREFORE NOT PROPERLY SUBJECT OF SECOND COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS. HE DESCRIBED REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE (A-9148) AS IRRELEVANT SINCE THE COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED UNCONSTITUTIONALLY. HE MAINTAINED THAT NO INTERNATIONAL LAW EXISTED ON THE USES OF NATIONAL RESOURCES IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. IN RESPONSE EGYPT DEFENDED THE APPROPRIATENESS OF SECOND COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF THE RES AND ITS SUBSTANCE. KUWAIT REP SPELLED OUT PASSAGES IN FOURTH GENEVA CONVENTION WHICH HE SAID APPLIED TO NATURAL RESOURCES AND HAGUE CONVENTION OF 1907 WAS ALSO CITED.

4. EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE AFTER THE VOTE WILL BE MADE
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